(b) whether equal number of consumers are duly registered with each of the fair price shops;

(c) what is the actual number of ration cards allotted to each shop;

(d) what is the average monthly quota of foodgrains item-wise, allocated under the PDS in the district;

(e) whether consumers have been getting their prescribed quota during the last six months;

(f) if not, what are the reasons therefor; and

(g) whether Government propose to increase the quantity of supply of each item to the fair price shops to ensure availability thereof for card holders throughout the month?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) 509.

(b) No, Sir. Number of cards attached to each of the Fair Price Shops depends upon the jurisdiction of the Fair Price Shop and hence number to consumer vary from shop to shop.

(c) The actual number of ration cards differs from shop to shop. However, average ration cards per shop come to 656.

(d) Average monthly allocation is 2500 MT wheat, 1200 MT rice, and 502.2 MT sugar.

(e) Yes, Sir.

(f) Does not arise.

(g) State Government of Gujarat has reported that since sufficient quota is allocated, no increase of quota is contemplated.

Supply of essential commodities to Arunachal Pradesh under PDS

3533. SHRI NYODEK YONGGAM: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) what is the annual-quota fixed for various essential commodities distribution through PDS for the State of Arunachal Pradesh; and

(b) what is the actual release of quota to Arunachal Pradesh itemwise during the last six months upto June, 1993?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) and (b) Bulk allocations of wheat, rice, sugar, edible oils, kerosene and soft coke are made on a month to month basis.

The allocation and lifting figures for Arunachal Pradesh from January, 1993 to June, 1993 is given in the Annexure.

[*See* Appendix CLXVIII, Annexure No. 49]

3534. [*Transferred to 26th August*, 1993]

Public Distribution System in Darjeeling

3535. SHRI RATNA BAHADUR RAI: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBNTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to set up more fair price shops of M.R. shops